

Use passive voice in *simple present* and *simple past* to complete the following passage.



The Blue Whale

The blue whale is the largest living creature on Earth. Usually these whales _____
(find) in the cold Arctic and Antarctic oceans, but in the winter they _____ **(force)** to travel to warmer waters for food. It _____ **(think)** that there were once

hundreds of thousands of blue whales, although today only about 1,000 exist. During the last century, blue whales _____ **(hunt)** for food and for whalebone, which _____ **(use)** to make women's clothing. In 1930, 30 thousand blue whales _____ **(kill)** by hunters. Today commercial whaling _____ **(ban)**, and it _____ **(hope)** that one day thousands of blue whales will *be seen* in the world's ocean again. The mechanism behind modern whale migration _____ **(debate)** since they are not as specific in their movement patterns as other species, and there is substantial evidence of alternative strategies, such as year-round residency, partial or differential migration, and anomalous habits such as feeding on breeding grounds. It _____ **(know)** that their natural predator is the orca, and whales near the waters of California have been sighted with scars that prove their encounter.

Blue whales _____ solely _____ **(protect)** in areas of the Southern Hemisphere starting in 1939, and such protection has been extended so much that today they _____ formally _____ **(classify)** as *endangered* under the Endangered Species Act and _____ **(consider)** *depleted* and *strategic* under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. They are definitely a wonder of our oceans!